

**ACROSS**

- 1 2023 Song of the Year Grammy winner Bonnie
- 6 Mid-March honoree, for short
- 11 Metric speedometer rate: init.
- 14 Literary award that Dick Francis has won 3 times
- 15 Alt-rocker Liz
- 16 Glass of "This American Life"
- 17 Midcentury comic Bruce
- 18 Like George W. Bush, but not George H.W. Bush
- 20 Part of a nerve cell
- 21 Color whose name is derived from a bird
- 22 Consumed
- 23 To be consumed soon, ideally
- 26 It gets trapped in the laundry room
- 27 Yankee products
- 29 Slalom path
- 30 Hematite and cassiterite
- 31 Edges
- 32 Latch (onto)
- 33 It's always underfoot
- 34 Egyptian queen, to friends
- 35 Sign on a door being pushed in a classic Gary Larson cartoon
- 36 Ink spot?

- 39 Subjects of the US Office of Special Counsel pamphlet "Know Your Rights When Reporting Wrongs"
- 42 Godsend
- 43 Minimal nourishment
- 44 Snarky
- 46 Lose traction while driving on ice
- 47 Type of citizenship
- 48 "No hurry"
- 50 Operatic composer of "Otello" and "Il Trovatore"
- 51 Stag's mate
- 52 Rube, dismissively

**DOWN**

- 1 Bit of backsliding
- 2 Contenders for Clio awards
- 3 Snubs
- 4 Strong-tasting substance in red wine or tea
- 5 "\_\_\_ to Remember"
- 6 Terse command during a frisk
- 7 Patti LaBelle sang them on "Sesame Street"
- 8 Dish with crispy rice called socarrat
- 9 Feel poorly

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- 10 Prominent feature of many a Bob Ross painting
- 11 They get fed at some tables
- 12 Grooms, as feathers
- 13 "I \_\_\_ noticed..."
- 19 Blondie hit from the "American Gigolo" soundtrack
- 21 Questlove's band
- 24 Expensive wraps
- 25 Formally joined, as a school's roster
- 28 "Drugstore Cowboy" co-star Matt
- 32 Billie Burke's "Wizard of Oz" role
- 33 Onscreen translation
- 34 Options
- 35 Even more irritating
- 36 Having some job security
- 37 Poetically pastoral paradise, or a Tom Stoppard play
- 38 "Four Quartets" poet
- 39 Gyoza cousin
- 40 Capital of Zambia
- 41 Enter shallow water
- 42 Half of a 45
- 45 Mononymic Celtic singer
- 49 Amaze
- 50 Neckline shape